**Governor’s Task Force on Broadband**

**December 3, 2021**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting via Teams**

**Task Force Members Present:** Teddy Bekele, Yvonne Cariveau, Nolan Cauthen, Dale Cook, Steve Giorgi, Marc Johnson, Bernadine Joselyn, Brian Krambeer, Micah Myers, Theresa Sunde, Jim Weikum, Paul Weirtz, and Dave Wolf.

**Task Force Members Absent:** Steve Fenske, Jason Hollinday

**Others in Attendance:** Anna Boroff, Joe Buttweiler, Zachary Cairns, Scott Cole, Amanda Duerr, Jenn Frost, Brad Gustafson, Allyson Hartle, Steve Hill, Jeff Lacher, Connie Martin, Ann Treacy, Diane Wells, and Nathan Zacharias.

1. **Welcome, Task Force Introductions, Attendee Introductions and Approval of Minutes from October 5, 2021 Meeting**

Chair Bekele called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. Members of the public attending the virtual meeting were given the opportunity to introduce themselves. The minutes of the November 1, 2021 meeting were approved. Chair Bekele provided an overview of the agenda.

1. **Update from the Office of Broadband Development (OBD)**

Diane Wells, deputy director at OBD, provided an update on activities at the office.

1. **Broadband Technologies and Symmetrical Speeds**

Dave Wolf, CEO of Gardonville Cooperative Telephone Association provided information on how fixed wireless, DSL and fiber technologies can deliver symmetrical speeds. A copy of his presentation is available here: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/task-force/#:~:text=Broadband%20Technologies%20and%20Symmetrical%20Speeds> He also responded to questions from Task Force members. Theresa Sunde, Senior Manager, Government Relations for Mediacom and Task Force member, provided information on cable broadband service symmetrical speed capabilities.

1. **Walk Through of Draft Annual Report**

The Task Force spent the majority of the meeting reviewing the draft annual report for 2021.

1. **Public Comment, Other Business, December 20, 2021 Meeting Plans, Wrap-up**

Chair Bekele provided an opportunity for Task Force members to bring up additional issues. Several members thanked Scott Cole for his work on the draft report.

Chair Bekele then asked if any members of the public wished to provide comments to the Task Force and no one did.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.